

## LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** was held in the Council Chamber, 1 Moorland Parade, Moorland Way on **TUESDAY the 25 September 2018** which commenced at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:**

- Councillor R Griffin (in the Chair)
- Councillor M Chase
- Councillor P F Johns
- Councillor D H Drane
- Councillor J R Burns
- Councillor P King
- Councillor Mrs J M Richards (Mayor)
- Councillor Mrs M Pryor (Deputy Mayor)

**Also in attendance:**

- Mrs K Wright, Town Clerk
- Mrs B Lake, Office Manager

**156/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

- Councillor Mrs J Marston (holiday)
- Councillor R Holloway (work commitments)
- Councillor K Brooks (work commitments)

**157/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**158/18 CLERK'S REPORT:**

- a) **Minute 108/12 Minute 219/12 & Minute 31/16. Proposed Cycle way along Poole Road/Options for improved entrance signs to the town.** The entrance signs are now in situ and have generated much positive feedback. This item will now be removed from the minutes.
- b) **Minute 255/14 Pedestrian Crossing in Dorchester Road.** No further information.
- c) **Minute 485/14 To investigate obtaining Local Nature Reserve/SSSI Status for Lytchett Bay View.** The paperwork has been put together for submission to Natural England.
- d) **Minute 151/16 Pavement Parking.** This will be discussed at the next Highways Meeting 26.9.18.
- e) **Minute 154/16 Heritage Signposting.** This is in hand.
- f) **Minute 497/16 Parking Review for the Town.** A mini parking review was carried out on Friday 14 September and a response received from the Highways Officer, DCC. This will be further discussed at the Highways meeting on Wednesday 26 September 2018.
- g) **Minute 297/17 b) Moorland Way Surface.** DCC are monitoring the situation.
- h) **Minute 22/18 Yellow Lines Factory Road/Dorchester Road 47-49.** DCC do not plan to extend the double yellow lines at this location and this will be removed from the minutes.

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**158/18 CLERK'S REPORT:**

- i) **Minute 138/18 To consider quotations for the town council owned street lighting to be upgraded to LED lighting:** DCC will not fund or support the request for them to take over the TC street lighting. See Minute 161/18.
- j) **Minute 140/18 Roads and Pavements – Health Centre –** No reply has been received from the Health Centre regarding the ownership and flooding. The new Community Co-ordinator for the Adam Practice has been invited to attend the full Council meeting in October.

**159/18 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Information on the annual Councillor's satisfaction survey for Dorset Highways was received.

**160/18 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LYTCHELT BAY VIEW NATURE PARK BY SHAUN ROBSON:**

Mr Shaun Robson, who volunteers for RSPB and DWT, attended the meeting to address the issue of a Lytchett Bay Nature Park and members agreed in principle that the Town Council should join in a partnership with other interested parties. The date for a meeting is to be advised. Cllr Chase asked Mr Robson if he would liaise with him to provide advice on Lytchett Bay View and the ARC land adjacent to the skatepark.

**161/18 TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF THE RECENT PARISH LIGHTING INSPECTION:**

The results of a parish lighting inspection were received from SSE and discussed by members. Several lights were considered to be in poor condition and it will be ascertained whether any of these are dangerous and what cost would be involved to bring them up to an acceptable British Standard.

**162/18 TO CONSIDER CREATING A WILDFLOWER AREA/FORMAL FLOWERBED ON GRASSED VERGE OUTSIDE RESIDENTS PROPERTY:**

A request was received from a resident for the creation of a flowerbed outside their property in Lytchett Way. After discussion it was agreed that this would set a precedent and the Town Council do not have the resources to maintain additional flowerbeds throughout the town. The resident will be advised.

**163/18 TO CONSIDER UNDERTAKING AN AUDIT OF LITTER AND DOG WASTE BINS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE IN THE CORRECT LOCATIONS:**

As the Town Council is unable to introduce any new bins because Dorset Waste Partnership have advised they will not empty them, it was agreed that an audit of litter and dog waste bins was not necessary.

**164/18 TO DISCUSS THE 'FORWARD PLAN' FOR ENVIRONMENT FOR 2018-2023:**

This item was deferred until the Environment meeting in October.

**165/18 TO CONSIDER NEW ENTRANCE SIGNS FOR THE VILLAGE OF LYTCHELT MINSTER:**

After discussion it was agreed that any entrance signs for Lytchett Minster should replicate those for Upton and the Clerk will obtain quotations for 2 new signs.

**166/18 TO CONSIDER REIMBURSING THE LYTCHELT MINSTER VILLAGERS GROUP £101.93 FOR THE MONEY THEY HAVE SPENT ON VILLAGE PLANTERS AND TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR NEW PLANTERS:**

It was reported that the village planters have been funded by the Upton in Bloom committee.

Cllr Drane left at this point in the meeting

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**167/18 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A POLY TUNNEL TO BE SITED AT THE ALLOTMENT SITE AT A COST OF £435.00 IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO GROW/CULTIVATE OUR OWN PLANT STOCK:**

It was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that a poly tunnel should be purchased at a cost of £435.00.

**168/18 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS REQUEST FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DRAGONS TEETH ON THE GRASS VERGE AT THE ENTRANCE TO FOXGLOVES:**

It was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that installation of dragons teeth be installed at this location as part of the next phase along Dorchester Road.

**169/18 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:**

**Roads and Pavements**

Cllr Chase expressed concern about the condition of trees on a bridleway off Dorchester Road which is privately owned. This will be raised with the Highways Officer who may be able to assist in tracing the owner.

**Waste and Recycling**

None.

**Street Furniture**

**Cllr Mrs M Pryor**

None.

**Open Spaces**

**Lytchett Bay View**

**Cllr M Chase**

None.

**Jubilee Garden**

**Cllr Mrs J Marston**

None.

**St. Martins Park**

**Cllr K Brooks**

None.

**Meadows Garden**

**Cllr R Griffin**

None.

**Limberlost**

**Cllr R Griffin**

None.

**Clocktower Site**

None.

**Open Access Issues**

**Cllr Mrs J M Richards**

None.

**Overgrowing vegetation**

None.

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**169/18 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:(Cont)**

**Flood Warden**  
**Cllr P F Johns**  
None.

**Sustainability**  
**All**  
See Democratic Session

**170/18 HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

None.

**171/18 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:**

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

**172/18 TO RECEIVE THE TREE WORKS REPORT:**

See attached list.

**173/18 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

- a) A representative from the Dorset Mammal Society will be invited to attend the next Environment committee meeting in October.
- b) Cllr Chase was concerned that waste collections are not taking place on the scheduled days and a representative from Dorset Waste Partnership will be invited to attend a full Council meeting.
- c) Cllr raised the issue of the homeless people living in caravans in Lytchett Minster. All the relevant authorities are aware of the situation and are not concerned. As this is on DCC land it will be raised with the Highways Officer at the meeting on 26 September, and also reported to PDC on Environmental grounds.
- d) It was reported that a resident in Chelmsford Road appears to be making an additional access to their property without a dropped kerb and this will be investigated.
- e) Cllr King expressed concern about the flytipping in Marsh Woods and this will again be raised with the Lees Estate.
- f) Cllr Chase attended a Community Speedwatch conference and reported that a speedwatch exercise will be undertaken in 4 locations in Upton including Moorland Way, Yarrells Lane and Heights Road.

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm**

Chairman.....

Date.....

**DEMOCRATIC SESSION:**

Steven Tapper attended the meeting to discuss sustainability and how this is put into practice at Harbour View Burial Ground. The Town Council Groundsman will visit Harbour View to look at their composting practice.